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News briefs

Local protest

Traffic delays are expected today on B-51 and A-60. Eifel farmers are protesting high gas and oil prices by blocking traffic. Trucks, tractors and buses will block traffic on B-51 between Trier and Pruem and A-60 to Mainz.

Parking area repair

Dormitory parking lots for buildings B335, B333 and B227 close for repair through Sept. 29. Residents are asked not to park in these areas during this time.

Free singles' dinner

The chapel staff holds a free Cajun-style dinner for dormitory residents and other single airmen 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Spangdahlem chapel annex.

Free dinners for these airmen take place each fourth Thursday of the month. Any unit or group wanting to host a dinner should call 452-6711.

Safety picnic

The annual Battle of the Groups Safety picnic takes place noon to 3 p.m. Sept. 29 at the bowling alley pavilion. All 52nd Fighter Wing members and their families are invited. Food and drink is provided.

Station closure

The base military service station closes at 5 p.m. Sept. 29 through Oct. 1. Vehicle operators should ensure all government vehicles scheduled for use during this time have the gas tanks filled by Sept. 29.

Emergency response vehicles requiring fuel should call 452-6621 for instructions. Call Staff Sgt. Douglas Beck at 452-7656 for details.

Bank closes

Community Banks close Oct. 3 for the German holiday.

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Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

Senior Airman Anthony Tirres, 23rd Fighter Squadron, maintains F-16s. Should Tirres decide to consider leaving military service, the wing career advisor can assist him in making such a decision by offering information about Reserve, Guard and civil service opportunities.

Air Force to offer career advisors

New position to assist airmen considering other job options

When Master Sgt. Kathleen Gonzales heard about the Air Force's plans to create the new position of career assistance advisor, she knew it was the right job for her.

"I had a longing to try something different in the Air Force," said the superintendent of security forces training and resources at Buckley Air National Guard Base, Colo.

The 15-year veteran said she was contemplating first sergeant duty but then read the Air Force was creating the CAA position.

"It's an excellent way for me to give back to the Air Force for all the great opportunities the Air Force has given me," she said.

The senior NCO is now attending the first CAA training course currently being held at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

"The career assistance advisors will serve a key role in the communication process between base commanders and the

troops in the field," noted Senior Master Sgt. Carol Dockery, superintendent of retention policy at the air staff. "The CAA will serve as a conduit between commanders and the base populace and will ensure commanders know what's on the minds of their personnel and also that their people are getting the information they need to make informed career decisions."

The Air Force is slated to fill about 78 positions this year and has scheduled two week-long CAA classes in September and October.

The 52nd Fighter Wing's advisor will be Master Sgt. Deno Mackin upon completion of his training at Randolph AFB.

"We know (Mackin) will serve as an important assistant to commanders, supervisors and wing members as they make critical career decisions," said Chief Master Sgt. Audrey Thompson, 52nd FW command chief master sergeant.

Dockery said that upon completing the course, new advisors will assume their duties at their bases.

"The advisors will be there to help airmen and NCOs in making career decisions, whether to stay in or to get out," she

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Hometown holiday greetings come to Spangdahlem

By Staff Sgt. Cindy Maier
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Considering the popularity of recent television shows "Survivor" and "Big Brother," it's clear that more and more people are enjoying spending their "15 minutes of fame" in front of a camera. It seems everyone wants to be on television.

Members of Team Eifel will soon have a chance to shine for friends and family members in the States with Hometown Holiday Greetings.

Military families are encouraged to register to tape a holiday message for their stateside loved ones. Call public affairs at 452-4251.

A video team from the Army and Air Force Hometown News Agency will visit Spangdahlem Oct. 2-3 to videotape holiday message greetings of uniformed members, as well as U.S. civilians who will not be home for the holidays.

To sign up for the taping event, which will take place in Hangar 1 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., call the public affairs office at 452-4251. Appointments will be scheduled in five-minute increments and are recommended to have a greeting taped.

Before heading over to send holiday cheer, there are a few important steps which must be followed to make the process go smoothly. First, the newest television stars out of Team Eifel should bring stateside addresses of friends and family members. The taping team will have the customers sign release forms and also have them provide the telephone numbers and addresses, including correct zip codes, of greeting recipients in the States.

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Driver loses vehicle control on B-50 Lookout Point curve

By Tech. Sgt. Franklin McElhaney
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and Analysis

It was a good week for all but one motorist in the Eifel. There was only one major vehicle accident involving a person from Spangdahlem Air Base Sept. 11-18.

The accident happened Monday while traveling on the B50. A 1999 Cougar was going around a left curve just past Lookout Point when the driver lost control and rolled the vehicle.

The driver was treated for minor injuries then released. The driver was

wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident.

In addition to the one major accident, there were five minor accidents:

■ All five accidents involved speeds slower than 30 mph.

■ Four out of five accidents were in parking lots (dining hall, Bitburg BX, etc.).

■ Three accidents involved government vehicles.

■ The personal cost this week for minor accidents totaled \$3,950.

Wing members are reminded to wear a reflective belt and vehicle headlights are required to be on during hours of darkness and in inclement weather.



Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Check it out

Tech. Sgt. James Austin, Gold Flag assistant program manager, Teresa Jacobson, base library technician and Butch Satsky, head librarian, sort more than 90 College Level Examination Program books donated by Gold Flag in August. The books are ready to check out from the base library. Also available are an assortment of self-paced study videos. Call the library at 452-6203 to for more information.

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said. "They will make available a realm of information and advice on benefits, pay, career counseling and also information about Reserve, Guard and civil service opportunities.

"We want individuals who are making a career decision to not only consider opportunities available to them in the Air Force, but also, if they are thinking about leaving active duty, to focus on the options available to them in the Reserve, Guard and civil service."

Another senior NCO attending the first course is also looking forward to going back to his base and passing on information to the troops.

"Retention has been below expectations for some time," said Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Dunn, 2nd Bomb Wing weapons manager, Barksdale AFB, La. "I know I can do something to help it. I believe people are getting out partly due to bad information or false information, and they believe life is a 'whole lot better' on the outside than with the U.S. Air Force."

The 23-year veteran envisions doing a lot of public speaking in his new role. He said he'll be "going to commanders calls, chiefs groups, first sergeant councils and especially talking to shift workers on their time.

"I believe CAAs should go to the people primarily, not the other way around. I know I will have to give structured briefings, yet I will still go to the people as much as

possible. Getting the word out to all enlisted and officers is very important.

"Our first and second termers should get the 'right speak' from me and first-line supervisors. Also having to keep up with new entitlements, off-duty opportunities and education advancements will be an integral part of the CAA duties."

Gonzales said she also hopes to work with many base airmen and NCOs. "I understand the Air Force concept is to be able to give commanders and supervisors better tools to use when discussing Air Force opportunities, but I'd also like to talk to commanders, supervisors and troops face-to-face." (Tech. Sgt. R.R. Getsy contributed to this article distributed by Headquarters United States Air Force)

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Load crew competition

The 52nd Fighter Wing load crew and weapons jammer driver of the quarter competitions take place at 7 a.m. Oct. 6 in Hangar 1, building 35. Weapons loading demonstrations take place at 8:30 a.m. The awards ceremony takes place at 4 p.m. Call 452-6273 for more information.

Tip of the hat

■ Exchange of salutes between military pedestrians (including gate sentries) and officers in moving military vehicles isn't mandatory; however, when officer passengers are readily identifiable (officers in appropriately marked vehicles, for example), the salute must be rendered.

Also, if the exchange of salutes is otherwise appropriate, it's customary for

military members in civilian clothes to exchange salutes upon recognition.

■ If retreat is sounded when in civilian clothing outdoors, take the same action as when in uniform (salute at first note of music), but in the following manner: Men remove headgear with the right hand and hold it at the left shoulder with the right hand over the heart. Men without hats, and women, salute by standing at attention and placing the right hand over the heart.

When in civilian clothing indoors, render the civilian salute by standing at attention and placing the right hand over the heart. Flags and national anthems of friendly foreign countries are shown the same marks of respect.

This information and more on the standards of dress and appearance, and customs and courtesies, is contained in Air Force Instructions 36-2903, 36-2903-SABSUP 1 and 36-2203.

Wing coins

Wing coins are scheduled for delivery by Oct. 10. They will be on sale in the wing protocol office in building 23. For more information, call Capt. Daniel Beard at 452-6057.

Supply contact

Customers can call the supply customer service center at 452-6870 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Base supply can be contacted after-hours by calling 452-7169 for requirements during weekday swing- and mid-shifts. Call the fuels control center at 452-6043 for weekend emergencies.

Passport procedures

Tourist passports can no longer be processed on the spot at the American Consulate in Frankfurt, according to Rita Merkes, 52nd Mission Support Squadron

personal affairs assistant.

Merkes reminds people not to plan trips or make commitments to travel agencies until they have their passport in hand. The processing time for tourist passports is four-six weeks. People who have a bona fide emergency situation and need a passport quickly should call Merkes at 452-6813.

Merkes also said although military members don't need a passport to travel to most NATO countries, she highly recommends they obtain a tourist passport.

Gold Flag vacancies

The 52nd Fighter Wing gold flag program needs people with electronics experience to fill technician vacancies. Applicants must have 12 to 18 months remaining on station. Call Master Sgt. Kevin McHugh at 452-7411 for details.

22nd Fighter Squadron helps enforce No-Fly zone



About 100 members of the 22nd Fighter Squadron are currently deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, which is home to the U.S. Air Force's 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing.

The 363rd AEW works with U.S. Army, U.S. Navy and coalition forces supporting America's national security interests in the region. The wing enforces the Southern No-Fly and No-Drive zones in Iraq.

United States presence at Prince Sultan AB, formerly known as Al Kharj Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, dates back to March 1991 with the 4404th Tactical Fighter Wing, following the end of operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The 4404th's initial aircraft consisted of 15C, F-15E, F-16A and F-16C fighter aircraft, along with the C-130H transport aircraft.

The primary mission of the 4404th was to patrol Iraqi airspace and enforce the terms of the Desert Storm cease-fire



Master Sgt. Julie Foglesong

Airman 1st Class Patrick Ott, 363rd AEW aircraft maintenance, prepares an F-16 for its next sortie.

agreement. One facet of the agreement called for a ban on all fixed-wing aircraft operations. Iraqi violations of the ban repeatedly brought the wing into direct confrontation with Iraqi aircraft. The first such confrontation occurred in March 1991 when a 4404th TFW F-15C encountered and shot down an

Iraqi SU-22, which violated the ban.

In June 1991, the wing and coalition forces moved from Al Kharj AB to King Abdul Aziz Air Base, near Dhahran, KSA. However, in June 1996, a terrorist attack on the Khobar towers, which killed 19 American airmen and seriously injured dozens more resulted in the wing moving to a safer location.

Prince Sultan AB was chosen as the relocation site. Personnel and equipment moved to its new location in August 1996.

From August 1996 to November 1998, the 4404th enforced the No-Fly and No-Drive zones in southern Iraq as part of Operation Southern Watch. Then, in keeping with the Air Force's evolution to becoming an expeditionary aerospace force, the wing was renamed the 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing.

Today, the 363rd AEW, along with members of the 22nd Fighter Squadron, continue enforcing the No-Fly and No-

Base officials call for 100 percent seatbelt compliance

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

About two percent of the local military community increase their daily chance of dying. That's because they don't "Buckle Up" before driving off base.

"We often find the two percent during roadside seatbelt checks," said Tech. Sgt. Livingston, 52nd Safety. "We do the checks to ensure people are wearing their seatbelts before they leave the base, because there are some dangerous roads located just outside Spangdahlem."

Spangdahlem employees and wing members have been involved in a recent rash of potentially deadly vehicle accidents

within a 10 mile radius of the base. The accident victims were wearing their seatbelts.

In some cases, people wind up with broken legs and other broken bones from the accident, but it's the bruise across the chest, or in some cases, a broken collar bone, that shows the potential deadliness of an accident as the seatbelt holds the victim in place. Such a forceful forward thrust could throw a driver or passenger through a vehicle window or crush the chest into the steering wheel.

Base officials are also working to ensure 100 percent compliance with the mandatory use of child safety seats.

"Parents sometimes see this as an inconvenience for the child, but it's especially important in saving a child's life in an accident," Livingston said.

According to the National Safety Council, the most common problem with children's car seats is they're often hooked into the seat too loosely. Parents concerned about their child's car seat or how to properly restrain the seat in the car can call the wing safety office at 452-7233 for information or assistance, Livingston said.

The penalty for not complying with the base seatbelt policy is a minimum seven day suspension of the driver's license for failing to wear a seatbelt or failing to ensure all

passengers are wearing their seatbelts, according to base regulations.

Other regulations concerning seatbelts include the following:

- The number of vehicle occupants won't exceed the number of available operational vehicle restraint devices.

- Children under 12 years old are prohibited from riding in the front seat except when all the other seats are occupied by children of a younger age.

Refer to Spangdahlem Air Base Traffic Code Instruction 31-204 for more information.



1st Lt. Angela Johnson

You are not forgotten

Members of Spangdahlem Air Base, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10775 and the American Legion render a salute Monday, POW/MIA Remembrance Day, in the base's memorial park honoring prisoners of war and those missing in action. The Spangdahlem Honor Guard represented the base in paying respects to those still unaccounted for in a POW/MIA flag-hanging ceremony also held in memorial park.

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Providing accurate information will allow hometown television stations to contact families to let them know when to watch for the greeting.

Team Eifel members are encouraged to bring family members along to tape the greetings, but all active-duty members must be in uniform.

Next, there are certain things that should be included in messages. Messengers should tell who they are, where they are stationed, who the message is going out to and where that person lives. An example would be, "Season's Greetings from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. I'm Staff Sgt. Jane Doe, and this is my husband, John, and our son, James. We'll be in Germany for the holidays, but, we want to wish the Doe family in Vincennes, Indiana, a happy holiday season."

The program is designed only for those who won't be home for the holidays. People who are scheduled to PCS prior to the holiday season, or are planning to be home during that time, are not eligible to use the holiday greetings program.

So, enjoy your 15 minutes of fame, and let your friends and family back home know you are thinking about them from across the ocean.

Mentors help students develop their strengths

Program builds better students by making children feel special

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Lauren is the typical middle school student. She enjoys class, but prefers her free time. She also works hard to get good grades, but finds certain subjects more challenging than others. When her parents and teacher noticed her struggling with social studies and math last year, they decided to try the school's mentor program.

The middle school mentor program began at Spangdahlem in 1996 as a charter program of the base company grade officer's council. It was created to provide students needing help or guidance with their school work by matching a student with a mentor, who would be a friend and advocate to that child.

For Lauren, the program worked like magic. Within a few months, her social studies grade rose from a C to a B and her math grade moved up from a D to a C.

"It's hard to describe," said Lauren Whitworth, Spangdahlem Middle School 6th grader. "But, when I had a mentor I felt smarter. He was like a big brother to me."

"The program is mostly geared toward helping students who could do better academically if they had some additional guidance and help," said Capt. Erik Bruce, Spangdahlem Middle School Mentor Program military volunteer coordinator.

Volunteers for the program are being accepted for the initial training session taking place at 2-3 p.m. Oct. 3 in the base chapel annex.

"We're looking for people who exhibit good goal setting techniques, enjoy children and are responsible and dependable," Bruce said.



Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Lauren Whitworth, Spangdahlem Middle School 6th grader, enjoyed working with her mentor last year and is enrolled for a mentor this year for help with the school subjects she finds challenging.

Currently, the program has more volunteers than students ready to be matched with a mentor, but these numbers will change over the next few months, according to Ray Church, program coordinator. As the school year progresses and students' areas for improvement are noted, more students will be added to the list for mentors. Eventually the list of students to mentors balances out, Church said, so having extra volunteers trained throughout the year benefits the program as well as potential mentors.

"We consider our pool of eligibles as active volunteers," Bruce said. "We provide training throughout the year, so volunteers can continue learning mentoring techniques even before they're assigned a student."

The student and mentor meet for an hour each week at the school and student participation in the program is

approved by the student's parents.

Mentors and students also get the opportunity to participate in after school activities such as bowling or doing the rope course as a group. Such outings are designed to further motivate the students, offer additional bonding time for student and volunteer and build the student's self-esteem by making them feel special, Bruce said.

"The focus of the program isn't only to improve grades," Bruce said. "But, to also be a friend and help the student discover his or her strengths."

According to Church, building up a student can be as simple as being a good listener.

"Just being sincerely interested in the student is the best thing a volunteer can do to build up the student's self-esteem," Church said. It's the increased self-esteem that often leads to improved grades, according to Church, because as the volunteer becomes the student's friend, the student often wants to impress the volunteer by working hard to bring up his or her grades.

"It's not a perfect program," Church admits. "Sometimes it doesn't work, but it does offer another way to help children do their best. I believe if it only helps one child throughout the year, then it's well worth it."

As the school year progresses, more students, like Lauren, who simply need a friend who makes them feel "smarter," can find such help through the middle school mentor program.

Call Capt. Erik Bruce at 452-7557 for more information about volunteering or Spangdahlem Middle School at 452-7255 for more information about the mentor program for your child.

Bitburg Middle School also has a mentor program similar to the Spangdahlem program. Call Susan Shrank at 453-7110 for more information about volunteering or how to register a student in the program.

Air Force members urged to exercise right to vote

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Given that absentee voting has never been easier, every citizen should exercise their right to vote according to Polli Brunelli, director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

In the 1996 elections, 25 percent of military members didn't vote because they didn't receive their requested ballots or didn't receive them in time to vote and return them by the state deadlines for counting, Brunelli said. FVAP officials want to ensure military members have a successful voting process.

"We hope to encourage everyone under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to make a proper request to register to vote and to do so in a timely manner," said Brunelli. "We're saying: Do it now."

Absentee voting has never been easier, Brunelli explained. Each installation has a voting assistance officer who can provide guidance on how to register, how to vote by absentee ballot and how to contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program, if

needed.

The biggest obstacle facing military members and their families who have yet to register is time.

"There is not much time left before the general election on Nov. 7," Brunelli stressed. "Anyone wishing to register should fill out a postage-paid Federal Post Card Application (for voting by absentee ballot) and return it before Oct. 9. If someone can't get access to the cardstock FPCA, there is a non postage-paid version available online; however, it is only accepted by 42 states."

It's important to return the FPCA as early as possible, according to federal voting officials, because each application must be reviewed by the local election official for eligibility before the proper absentee ballot can be sent to the requesting member. Military members should notify their local election officials when they move so the absentee ballot will be sent to the proper address.

Voters can expect to receive their absentee ballots 30 to 45 days before an

election, voting officials said. If a ballot has not been received two to three weeks before an election, people should contact the FVAP ombudsman service for assistance in determining when their ballot was mailed.

"Our U.S. citizens overseas may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot as a back-up ballot to vote for federal offices under certain conditions," Brunelli said.

To be eligible to use a FWAB a citizen must:

- Be located overseas (including APO/FPO addresses);

- Apply for a regular ballot early enough so the request is received by the local election official at least 30 days before the election.

- Meet the state's voting eligibility requirements; and,

- Not have received the requested regular absentee ballot.

The FWAB is available from voting assistance officers located at all military installations and at U.S. embassies or consulates.

"We're recommending that these overseas citizens send the FWAB to the local election official around Oct. 14, 2000," Brunelli said. "They should still vote the state ballot whenever it arrives. If the state ballot arrives by the state deadline for counting, local election officials will count the state ballot and discard the FWAB."

In addition to the traditional process, the FVAP office is undertaking measures to bring voter registration and absentee voting into the 21st century.

"We are still looking for military members who are voting residents of South Carolina, Orange County, Fla., and Weber County, Utah, to participate in an Internet pilot project that will enable them to register to vote absentee, request an absentee ballot and submit their voted ballot for the 2000 general election over the pilot system," Brunelli said.

"It's our civic responsibility to vote. I encourage all our military and their eligible family members to participate in the democracy they so ably defend."



Community Mailbox

Family support center news

All of the following classes and seminars take place in the family support center on Bitburg unless otherwise indicated. Call 453-7491 for details.

■A six-week German language and culture course begins 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

■An interview skills workshop takes place 1-3 p.m. Tuesday.

Education seminar

A seminar on understanding special education, parents and educators takes place 6:15-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Spangdahlem Middle School. Call 452-7205 for details.

Holland tour

A trip to Groesbeek-Nijmegen, Holland, with the World War II Society in Europe takes place Oct. 28. Register for the trip at the community activities center. A meeting about the tour takes place 11 a.m. Sept. 29 in the activities center. Call Ed Lapotsky at 06507-802616.

Community theater

The ACT-Eifel meeting takes place 5 p.m. Thursday in the community activities center. People interested in the community theater program are invited to attend. Topics include the season production schedule and future plans. Call Robert Benton at 452-5444 or Robert Onsgard at 452-6058 for details.

'Child Find' screening

Spangdahlem Elementary School conducts "Child Find" screening Sept. 29 for children, ages 3-4 years old who may have a suspected developmental delay in language, social, motor, cognitive or self-help skills. The screening is for parents with children who live within the Spangdahlem School Feeder Plan. People who are unsure which villages fall within the feeder area should call



Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Sparky's alright

Jerry Farmer and his mom, Sara, are greeted by Sparky the Fire Dog, during the Toyland grand opening celebration Saturday. Airman 1st Class Gary Dougherty, Spangdahlem firefighter, is dressed as Sparky. Toyland is located in the BXtra store, near the commissary and offers a selection of toys for children of all ages.

the school bus office at 452-5368. For appointments or more information, call 452-5071 or 6881 after 11:30 a.m.

Thrift shop sale

The Penny Lane Thrift Shop sale takes place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 7. Call 06565-4514 for details.

Education center news

■Spouses tuition assistance applications are being accepted for Term III, Oct. 23 through Dec. 15. Deadline to submit applications is Sept. 29. For more information, call 452-6063.

■Walk-in education counseling services are available 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday in building 192. Call the center at 452-6063 for details.

Food vendors

The Eifel officers' and civilians' spouses' club holiday bazaar committee needs outdoor food vendors for the Nov. 3-5 bazaar. Call 06562-932765 or 06562-932692 for details.

Guest speakers

Bitburg Middle School needs adults with college degrees to serve as guest speakers for its Advancement Via Individual Determination Program.

AVID gives students with potential, but who aren't living up to it, the opportunity to succeed by teaching them organization, note-taking and time management, said Joanne Schenck, AVID teacher. It also provides tutorials in the students' subjects.

The guest speakers provide reinforcement of the skills the course uses as well as providing career information and confirmation that education never stops. Call

Joanne Schenck at 453-7731 to volunteer or for more information.

Fishing club

People interested in joining a fishing club on Spangdahlem Air Base should call Michael Gromiller at 452-6249 or contact him by e-mail at michael.gromiller@spangdahlem.af.mil.

BMS parking

The side parking lot adjacent to Bitburg Middle School is blocked by buses 2:45-3:10 p.m. weekdays to load children. Buses are prohibited from moving for people who park in the lot during these times. For more information, call David Kiely at 452-5368.

Play group

Little Steps is a play group for working parents of children younger than age 5. It meets weekends and some evenings. For more information, call Al Cannon at 452-6466.

Girl Scout registration

Representatives from area Girl Scouts will be available at each school's open house to offer information or register girls for the scouting year. For more information, call Elisabeth McHugh at 06565-7406.

Nurses needed

Family Advocacy needs volunteer nurses to help with the New Parent Support Program. Call 452-8279 or 453-3129 for details.

Retiree activities

Retiree activities needs office volunteers to expand its hours. The office is currently open 5:30-8 p.m. Friday in building 23. Call Gary Hackl at 06565-614284, 06553-1745 to volunteer or for details. Call retired Chief Master Sgt. Bobby Roberts, new Air Force Retiree Council area representative, at 06561-7591 or e-mail robertsd@surfl.de for area retiree representation details.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Today

Fantasia 2000 (G)

This update of the 1940's animated Disney classic film has a mixture of animation and music.

Saturday

The Replacements (PG-13)

A mismatched crew of outsiders get a second chance at greatness when they are recruited to play pro football after the regular team goes on strike. Crude sexual humor and language.

Sunday

Fantasia 2000

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

The Replacements

Thursday

Boys and Girls (PG-13)

From the moment they first meet as kids on an airplane, Jennifer and Ryan set the tone for their life-long relationship. By the time they both get to college, their decade-long antagonism turns into friendship — the kind only sex could destroy. Sexual content.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

The Cell (R)

A child therapist involved in a breakthrough research program is asked to journey inside the mind of comatose serial killer in the hope of saving his latest victim. Violence, sexual images, nudity and language.

Saturday

Chicken Run (G) (4 p.m.)

At Tweedy's Chicken Farm, any chicken who doesn't make her egg quota can meet a "fowl" fate. Trapped behind barbed wire fearing for their very lives, Rocky, Ginger, Bunty, Babs and Fowler hatch a desperate plan to fly the coop.

The Cell (7 p.m.)

Sunday

The Perfect Storm (PG-13)

Based on a true story, the film tells of the men and women who risk their lives every working day, pitting their fishing boats and rescue vessels against the forces of nature. Their worst fears are realized when they are confronted by the most destructive storm in modern history. Language and peril.

Monday

Up At The Villa (PG-13)

Following the death of her husband, a British widow stays at a villa in Florence, Italy, in 1938 and soon becomes involved with political intrigue and romance, involving an American. Thematic elements.

Tuesday

Whatever It Takes (PG-13)

Weaving a web of fake e-mails, plotted phone calls, contrived double dates and mistaken identities, Ryan, Chris, Maggie and Ashley discover that being yourself is always the best scheme, and that sometimes the love of your life is the girl next door-your best friend. Sexual material and language.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Walking passion

Eifel wanderers search for the road more or less travelled

By Teresa Stevens
Eifel Wanderers

A sport organization near Augsburg, Germany, organized a Volkslauf or "people's run" to stir interest in their club. According to Volkslauf rules, participants had to complete a required distance within a specified amount of time to receive a medal.

In the course of the event, it wasn't uncommon for people to overexert themselves and participants began expressing strong opposition to the age categories and timed events. Out of this opposition grew "Volks-marching," an event in which everyone could participate, young or old, and without competition. By 1968, the International Federation of Popular sports, better known as the "IVV," was formed by Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland and the rest is "people's walk" history.

One of the benefits of Volksmarching is its appeal to people of all ages and walks of life. Among those people that find it so appealing are the Spangdahlem Eifel Wanderers.

"(Volksmarching) improves your mood with scenery, exercise and fresh air," said Theresia Fontane, volksmarcher since 1969. "Besides, it's good for your dog too. Also, you have the opportunity to meet people who share the same interest in a multi-cultural activity, while not



Teresa Stevens

Brett and Heather Stevens explore Rothenburg, Germany, during an Eifel Wanderers trip in March.

feeling too old or too young."

The Eifel Wanderers take walking trips through countries including Holland, Paris, Denmark, Sweden, Austria, Czech Republic, Italy, Poland, Switzerland and Great Britain. Club members walk over scenic mountains, on beaches, through caves and in historical cities and villages.



Out and about



■ Enjoy the Munich October festival through Sept. 30.

■ The town of Preist invites people to an agricultural exhibit, which includes a petting zoo for children, tractor and horse-drawn wagon rides starting at 2 p.m. Sunday.

■ The town of Wittlich sponsors a trade market Saturday and Sunday when local businesses introduce and demonstrate their products.

■ Visit a flea market Sunday in front of the Bitburg Hela Parking House, located on Koeln Strasse; inside and outside the Pruem market hall; in front of the Trier-Zewen Extra Markt; along the Zeltingen Mosel shore, at the Zell/Mosel city hall along the Vallendar Rhein Promenade and at the Enkirch festival grounds.

■ Eifel Classic features numerous car races and 550 classical sports and race cars at the Nuerburgring race track Sept. 29 through Oct. 1. Call 0221-4727703 for details.

■ Visit a flea market Oct. 1

along the Traben-Trarbach Mosel shore; inside the Muehlheim/Mosel industrial area; in front of the Trier-Pallien Fachhochschule school located on B50; on Trier-West Horn street, located near the Aldi store; as a part of the Alf wine festival; at the Kaiserlautern Messeplatz area; and at the Gerolstein 'Am Drink In'.

■ A doll market takes place Oct. 1 at the Koblenz Rhein-Mosel hall.

■ An art-handcraft and farmer's market takes place Oct. 1 in Kirn. Stores will be open throughout that day in Kirn.

■ Attend the Trier Moselland exhibition Sept. 30 through Oct. 8 at the Trier Messepark. Call 0651-147230 for details.

■ An antique market takes place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 3 in the Trier Europa hall.

■ A computer auction takes place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Trier Europa hall.

■ A special classical concert by the Weimar Staatskapelle, state orchestra, takes place at 8

p.m. Oct. 3 and 4 in the Grosse Haus of the City Theater. The concert features famous classical compositions. Tick-ets sell quickly and must be reserved at 0651-718-1818. The ticket price ranges from 39-69 DM.

■ A classical concert by Francesco Tristano Schlimme on piano, in conjunction with the Luxembourg Ech-ternach Festival, takes place at 7 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Bitburg Boda Haus cultural center. For details and tickets, call 06561-96450.

■ Attend the Magic of the Dance show Oct. 14 in the Bitburg Edith Stein School. Call 06727-952333 for tickets, which are limited.

■ Celebrate the Wittlich October festival Oct. 19 through Nov. 12 at a festival tent near the Bungert department store, located on Industriegebiet 3. The event features Bavarian music and food.

■ Trier sponsors weekly markets all day Tuesday, and Friday mornings, on Viehmarkt Platz, located in the pedestrian

zone. At the market people can find fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers.

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Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in September. For details, call the Spangdahlem community center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg annex community center at 453-7120.

■ Oktoberfest express, Saturday, \$69 per person.

■ Cannstatter Wasen Oktoberfest in Stuttgart, Saturday, \$50 per person.

■ Oktoberfest, one overnight, Sept. 30 to Oct. 1, \$195 per person.

■ Paris express, Sept. 30, \$89 for adults, \$75 for children ages 3-17.

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The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following

trips in September. For details, call 452-7176.

■ Luxembourg City bicycle tour Saturday — Bike around Luxembourg City visiting many of the old wall fortifications, forts and interior parks. The trip includes a tour of the underground casemates or "tunnels of the city" built centuries ago. Finally, enjoy a scenic bike ride out to the American cemetery to visit the gravesites of U.S. soldiers killed in World War II. Transportation and tour fees included. Minimum age is 14. Cost is \$35 per person with bicycle rental, \$30 without rental.

■ Map and compass skills clinic at 5 p.m. Tuesday — This one-hour class teaches people basic navigational skills and how to read topographical maps. Cost is \$5 per person.

■ Mosel River pontoon boat cruise Sept. 30 — Leave outdoor recreation via a shuttle van for Poelich. The cruise lasts six to seven hours. Minimum age is 8. Cost is \$25 per person.

Eifel sports world

Eifel Mountain Golf Course

■The Three Club Tournament takes place 9 a. m. Sept. 30. Cost is \$10 plus green fees.

■The annual Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament takes place Nov. 18. Cost is \$10 plus green fees.

Call 452-6821 for details.

Intramural Volleyball

Season begins 5:30 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Spangdahlem fitness center. Tryouts for team players continue through the season. Volleyball officials and scorekeepers are also needed. Call 452-6634 for more information.

Run/Walk event

The annual Turkey Trot 5k Run/Walk takes place Nov. 17. Call 452-6634 for details.

Coaches needed

Youth soccer and football coaches and officials are needed for the 2000-2001 season. Call youth programs at 453-6267 for more information or to volunteer.

Cardiovascular workout

Aerobics classes are offered at the Spangdahlem and Bitburg fitness centers. Cost is \$25 monthly or \$3 per class. Aerobics instructors are also needed. Call the base fitness center at 452-6634 or the Bitburg fitness center at 453-7710 for class schedules or instructor information.

Sharks prepare for killer season

By Jean Butel
Eifel Sharks

The 2000/2001 European Forces Swim League season gets underway in just a few weeks, and the Eifel Sharks, the local military community youth swim team, are making preparations.

"Recruiting new swimmers is our first priority," said Mike Butel, team booster club president. "Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 19 who are interested in competitive swimming are encouraged to check out the team."

Experience in league swimming is not a prerequisite, according to Butel.

"Although some kids have been swimming for years, the only criteria for new swimmers is that they be able to swim 25 meters unassisted," he said. "The team coaching staff takes it from there."

The season kicked off Thursday night, with a registration and information fair at Spangdahlem middle school. The open house offered prospective swimmers the chance to meet with the Sharks' coaching staff, booster club board members, returning swimmers and their parents.

Last seasons the Sharks completed a successful season placing first in the divisional championships at Hohenfels, Germany. The team also sent more than a dozen swimmers to join more than 1,000 American and NATO forces youth from across Europe for the European Championships at the Munich Olympic Hall, venue for the 1972 Summer Olympic Games.

Regular practices begin September 25th. Meets are held on weekends from November through February. American and international force's swimmers from across Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Italy then compete in the EFSL Championship.

A new addition to this year's team is the Minnow group. These participants are younger swimmers who want to



Courtesy photo

Jessica McDonnell, Eifel Sharks team member, warms up for the butterfly relay at the Hohenfels divisional championship last year.

develop their skills, leading them to competitive swimming, Butel said. There will also be separate practices for high school and junior competitive swimmers.

"Teamwork, camaraderie and hard work lead to more well rounded young people," Butel said. "And I believe the Eifel Sharks provide all three."

Eifel Sharks 2000/2001 competition schedule

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| ■Nov 4 Wiesbaden | ■Jan 13 Baumholder |
| ■Nov 18 Baumholder | ■Jan 20 Geilenkirchen |
| ■Dec 2 Wiesbaden | ■Feb 11 Hohenfels (Division Championships) |
| ■Dec 9 Wiesbaden | ■Feb 25 Munich (EFSL Championships) |
| ■Jan 6 Baumholder | |

Bitburg High School Barons game schedule

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| ■Today, Mannheim, 5 p.m. junior varsity, 7 p.m. varsity | ■Oct. 14, homecoming game vs. ISB, 1 p.m. varsity |
| ■Sept. 30, ISB, Brussels, Belgium, 1 p.m. varsity | ■Oct. 21, home game vs. SHAPE, 1 p.m. varsity, junior varsity follows |
| ■Oct. 6, AF Noth, Brunssum, Holland, 4:30 p.m. junior varsity, 7 p.m. varsity | ■Oct. 28, Division II Playoffs |
| | ■Nov. 11, Division II Championships, south site |

Football frenzy takes Saber Club

By Julie Speegle
52nd Services Squadron Marketing

Are you ready for some football? Club members who enjoy watching the game can participate in Football Frenzy, an Air Force-wide celebration of football held each season for the past six years. Football fans can join other pigskin enthusiasts Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Sports Lounge inside the Saber Club.

"This year's Football Frenzy involves exciting games and new giveaways," said Moses Thompson, club systems general manager. "Just watch the games with us and you could win some great gifts."

Prizes include mini footballs, sports bags, sports pullovers, a \$150 MasterCard gift card, tickets to see the San Francisco 49ers play the San Diego Chargers in San Diego, tickets to the Super Bowl in Tampa, and tickets to the Pro Bowl in Honolulu. The dates for those events are December 3, January 28, and February 4 respectively. Each trip includes round-trip airfare for two, hotel accommodations, and a rental car.

"Anyone can come to the games, but you must be a club member to win the prizes," added Mr. Thompson.

Call the Saber Club at 452-6090 for details.